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Dear Mr. Daggett:

This will confirm portions of our extended telephone discussion of March 23, 1984.

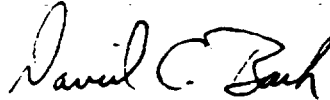
We have postponed our sampling scheduled for March 27, 1984 in order to provide more time for EPA to review the quality assurance program. We have rescheduled for April 5, but this may be postponed also if EPA review is not complete.

You asked us to give you as much notice as possible before start of the construction project. We will comply with the request as well as we can. As indicated in my earlier letter, we are proceeding with contracts negotiation, but I cannot say whether that will take a week or a month. But we are trying to be ready for construction as soon as we are able. In that regard, we are still awaiting EPA's comments on the health and safety plan so that they can be considered in the contract negotiations.

Finally, to get off of dead center, we are preparing a proposal for an RI/FS that we feel should adequately define and limit the nature of any warranted investigation on the site. If we can agree on a reasonable RI/FS, possibly requiring Monsanto's assistance, we can further discuss formalizing that in some form of agreement.

Respectfully yours,

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